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## 'Cats put halt to streak

### Northwest grabs 1st Homecoming win in 6 years

COLIN McDONOUGH  
CHIEF REPORTER

A picture perfect Homecoming weekend came to a perfect end with the Northwest football team upending the Missouri Southern State College Lions.

Dave Gieseke, head Homecoming chair, said he could not remember a better Homecoming than the past weekend all around.

"This was my 19th Homecoming either as a student, an alumnus, or an employee of the school and I can't remember a better Homecoming," he said. "I can remember better skits, better parades and better games but I can't name a better total Homecoming."

What may have made the weekend was the fact that the Bearcats won their game against Missouri Southern after coming back from a half-time deficit, Gieseke said.

"It seemed inevitable that we were going to win the game because the weekend had been so perfect," he said.

Northwest trailed at half 20-8 but then rallied for 20 unanswered points



**Raise your hands.** Pumped up after a 41-33 victory over Missouri Southern State College Saturday, the Northwest football team celebrates. The Bearcats scored 20 points in the third quarter to secure the victory.

TODD WEDDLE/  
Contributing Photographer

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## Baldrige team makes site visit 'Great' pumpkins

*"I'm not saying we're not good now, but applying the Baldrige plan we could get better."*

Tim Gilmour  
vice president for  
Academic Affairs

JASON TARWATER  
ASSISTANT CAMPUS NEWS EDITOR

In the University's never-ending quest to bring quality to campus, a site team from the Malcolm Baldrige National Quality Award paid Northwest a visit.

Northwest was chosen from 19 applicants.

University President Dean Hubbard called the visit a prototype to see if it is possible to apply the Baldrige criteria to colleges and universities.

"This visit is a pilot study of how the criteria fits into an educational setting," Hubbard said. "This visit will show whether we could possi-

bly be a future winner."

Beyond that, the Baldrige team is also looking into opening the award to universities in the future.

"We want to know if we are a potential 1997 winner of this award," Hubbard said. "But they want to make sure institutions are close to winning the award. They don't want to open the award in 1997 and then not have a winner. What they see here will influence when they offer the award."

Tim Gilmour, vice president for Academic Affairs, said Northwest's goal in this venture is to find out what is being done right, what is being done wrong and how the administration can fix it.

"We are doing this for the feedback that it will give us," he said. "We are getting feedback from perceptive and knowledgeable outsiders. We want to know if we are improving."

Gilmour said improvement is the key to the whole visit.

"If we use the Baldrige framework and start improving, it benefits students," he said. "I'm not saying we're not good now, but applying the Baldrige plan we could get better."

Under the Baldrige plan, customer satisfaction is considered the most important thing.

Gilmour said in Northwest's case, those customers are the students.

"We want to know if you are happy with your education," he said.

"If not, we want to know what we can do to make it better."

Hubbard said quality was going to be his main focus, rather than focusing on other things.

"I could say 'forget quality, I just care about how much money we make a year,' but that's not right," he said. "I am not going to focus on money. It's not fair to the students."

Hubbard also said the University is not interested in any kind of award just yet, only the feedback the administration will receive.

The site team members arrived in Maryville on Sunday and are expected to leave sometime today after they have finished up their paperwork.

### appear annually at roadside stop

#### Highway town features selection of fall favorites

APRIL BURGE  
FEATURES EDITOR

Some people say size doesn't matter, but others insist that it does. Some like them big, while others like them small.

However, no matter what kind of pumpkin you are looking for, Pumpkin Center has it.

Located just 10 miles south of Maryville, Pumpkin Center is nestled in a valley off of U.S. Highway 71.

This location is a popular seasonal attraction because of its reputation for the pumpkins that are sold every autumn.

Owner of Collins' Corner Service, Wayne Collins, owns and runs the small roadside stop and pumpkin shack that draws customers from miles around.

"We even get folks from Kansas City every year faithfully," Collins said.

Collins has owned the corner store for more than 25 years.

He and his wife Bonnie started selling pumpkins almost 25 years ago.

"We just raised a few pumpkins and set them out one year and every one of them sold," Collins said.

Soon after that, the Collins decided that the pumpkin shack was going to be an annual feature to their business.

The couple believed this would be a good way to put away money for their daughter's education.

Soon their little business grew into a local phenomenon.

The Collins went from a small, local roadside shack to the major pumpkin supplier of the area. Hy-Vee and Easter's in Maryville proudly display Pumpkin Center pumpkins every year.

The Collins turned their 70-acre farm just three miles east of Pumpkin Center into a major pumpkin producing operation. With all the notoriety

*"We just raised a few pumpkins and set them out one year and everyone of them sold."*  
Wayne Collins  
owner of Collins' Corner Service

### Senate teams with KDLX to distribute cable petition

ANNE HENDRICKS  
MISSOURIAN STAFF

Student Senate announced Tuesday that it is working with KDLX, the campus radio station, to bring Music Television to Maryville under the new cable system.

KDLX and Student Senate are distributing petitions today to all campus organizations, off-campus representatives, the Maryville High School and throughout the city.

KDLX contacted MTV, which said it supports the petition and said they would offer strategies to help Maryville gain access to the channel.

Senate is sponsoring an environmental walk tonight at 7 p.m. The purpose is to point out problem areas in concerning safety on campus.

In other news, Carl Meindke was elected off-campus representative by acclamation, and associate member appointments were announced. Associate members are Matt Baker, Amy Bennett, Rebecca Brownfield, Kurt Friedel, Carrie Giesendorf, Tim Owen, Duane Hazelton, Brianna Mares, Paul Simenson and Stephanie Puricelli.

### A Walk in Silence



**In remembrance.** More than 20 organizations joined Tri-Sigma sorority members as they walk in silence to support the Speak out for Stephanie Foundation in honor of former student Karen L.

Hawkins, who was murdered last April. The silence emphasized the importance of stopping sexual offenders. Several of the participating groups donated money to the foundation in Hawkins' name.

LAURA RIEDEL/Chief Photographer

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Our View

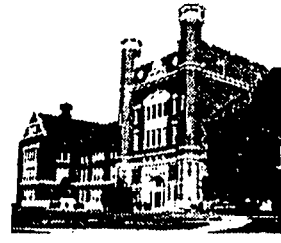
Respected poet deserves arena-packed audience

A renowned poet and speaker is coming to Northwest at the end of the semester, but most of the campus and community will not be able to see her performance.

Maya Angelou, whose Oct. 15 appearance was rescheduled for Dec. 4, has been placed in a venue that is too small to accommodate the number of people who want to see her.

While the Mary Linn Performing Arts Center is an excellent facility for smaller events, moving the performance to Bearcat Arena would be a better option in this case.

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Angelou's safety.

It is true that moving the show would require the tickets to be switched to accommodate the new venue, but it would also allow more people to hear and see Angelou. Perhaps one way to make the move fairly would be to set aside a special section for ticketholders with orchestra seats, another section for those with balcony seats and the rest for non-ticketholders. In fact, ticketholders could be allowed in earlier than the others so that they would not have to compete for seats.

To say that it would be harder to secure Bearcat Arena for Angelou's show is to underestimate Northwest's and Maryville's security forces.

When the Rev. Jesse Jackson came to speak in March, security was not a problem, even though he has some controversial ideas. As a poet and actor, it would seem that Angelou would not invite the clashing opinions of her audience members that Jackson could.

It is a great honor to have Angelou make an appearance at Northwest. While moving the speech to a larger arena may be inconvenient for some, it is more unfair to the rest of the campus and community to deny more them an opportunity to hear one of America's great poets and thinkers.

Our View

Operation Smokescreen serves valuable purpose

Expect to see fewer teen-age smokers in the coming days — Operation Smokescreen is in effect.

This program is a way of enforcing laws that have been virtually ignored for years — a ban on selling cigarettes to anyone younger than 18.

Operation Smokescreen, or any program like it, is long overdue in Maryville, or in the United States for that matter. Businesses obviously aren't taking care of their end of this problem, so it's up to some teen-agers to prod them along.

In the operation, a group of teen-age volunteers will be going to businesses in Maryville that sell tobacco to see if they will sell them illegally.

Many times, the person operating the register at places that sell tobacco just don't want to take the time to

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check the IDs of younger people. They either don't want to embarrass an older customer or they don't want to have to go through the awkwardness of refusing to sell to an underage one.

This program is a great way of forcing businesses to pay more attention to not only the state laws they are breaking, but also to the problem of teen-age smoking.

While this program may elicit some complaints from both business and teen-agers, it is necessary.

Until vendors take the responsibility to monitor sales, Operation Smokescreen will serve a valuable purpose.

What is perhaps most remarkable about the program is that the young people are taking control of the situation and finding an answer that many adults simply do not want to face.



My Turn

May I have your undivided attention?

I have always been under the impression that communication was derived to enable one to relay a message. In other words, get to the point.

However it has come to my attention that some people I encounter take an hour to say anything or nothing at all. Why is that? Is there some fear of offending someone to a point that they would fall over dead on the spot because of a misinterpretation? Does everyone think time is a resource that will never run dry?

Countless times I ponder the point of messages prior to their departure from the lips of the orator. The question is should I interrupt and coax this person to a point? That may be rude, but isn't he being rude by wasting my time?

I recently asked a colleague of mine how his weekend was. His answer "I worked." Was that an answer to my question? No. A proper answer would have been profitable, or any adjective for that matter. A justification of work would have been a good follow up but completely optional.

A former roommate and I had this whole communication thing down. I could ask her a question and she would answer it straight



SARAH ELLIOTT

Communication lingers on with wordy speakers, meaningless words

and to the point. For example I would ask if what I happened to be wearing looked OK and she would say no, more times than not, and I'd be off to find a more suitable ensemble. She doesn't go to Northwest now, so now I am back to dealing with the rambling of others.

On the other hand when I ask someone a question, all I generally want is an answer, not a saga of the past two days' events. I do not recall asking anyone to tell me in extensive detail about the last 48 hours of his or her life. Yet I have been the recipient of such answers far too often.

Perhaps I am just a heartless person for not caring to the depths of my soul about every Tom Dick and Harry I know, or just a pushover for not telling people to shut up. My theory is get to the point because time is precious, or at least mine is.

Sarah Elliott is a chief photographer for the Northwest Missourian.

Letters to the Editor

Viewer wants her ESPN2

Dear Editor,

On the subject of the cable company:

As an avid hockey fan, I am extremely disappointed and dismayed with the decision to carry Prime Sports in place of ESPN2. Unlike fans of other sports, I cannot turn to my television every weekend, or even during the week, and have my choice of games to watch except maybe during the Stanley Cup playoffs. While it is true that ESPN does broadcast National Hockey Night, that is only one game per week. In addition to NHL action, I have also enjoyed IHL and AHL, as well as collegiate championships and tournaments.

In the summer I was able to watch Roller Hockey International and during the hockey season, ESPN2 broadcasts "NHL Tonight" each evening. Hockey fans of Maryville unite! We want ESPN2! Bring back The Deuce!

Lisa Smeltzer

Bond issue is in your hands

Dear Editor,

PERSONAL RESPONSIBILITY — key to a successful Middle School Vote.

I believe that personal responsibility represents a fundamental part of our human character which leads to the improvement and enrichment of our personal lives. It gives us that push so we may act fairly and honorably.

Individuals coming together at the same time to exercise their personal responsibility combine this energy to create a community responsibility. History has demonstrated over and over that successful communities are the ones which exercise their collective responsibility in response to important issues.

Maryville has an opportunity Nov. 7 to exercise its community responsibility by voting on the Washington Middle School tax issue.

I urge you to exercise your personal responsibility, and educate yourself on the various aspects of this issue. This personal approach will give you the correct information to make an informed decision.

I urge you to exercise your personal responsibility and vote on Tuesday, Nov. 7.

Collectively, an informed vote in support of the Middle School issue will demonstrate our community responsibility toward improving the educational opportunities for our children.

After all, the quality of our community's future is directly related to the quality of our children's education.

Review deemed irresponsible

Dear Editor,

It was reckless and irresponsible for April Burge to rate the Northwest Variety Show as a "variety of disappointments." (Oct. 19 edition). We believe that April's statements originated from a hasty disposition. What April failed to recognize was the enthusiasm needed and displayed by the organizations that actually wrote and performed the Variety Show skits. If any skit was deserving of criticism, then it would have been more appropriate if the remarks were presented without jokes.

In addition to April's opinions, we did not appreciate the usage of idioms throughout her text. Referring to performances as "chick skits" is inexcusable and unnecessary. How can April take such an anticipated tradition and reduce it to a foolish production?

Even though only an elite few participate, there is an elimination process for the Variety Show conducted by Homecoming organizers and chosen evaluators experienced enough to support appropriate material for the Variety Show. Again, any organization that uniquely interprets the spirit and excitement of a Northwest Homecoming, with a genuine attempt to entertain, is deserving of a place in the Northwest Variety Show.

April, if you do not wish to anticipate, then omit your biased opinion and do not purchase another ticket.

Stacy Dowling and Nancie Lippert  
Variety Show participants

like to recognize that the review on the Variety Show was the opinion of the writer and not the Missourian. Although it was not located on the opinion page, it was presented as a review, not an objective news story.

Lyrics contrast against letter

Dear Editor,

I'd like to respond to Lowell Messer's letter to the editor with the following:

Dear God, I pray you make it better down here. Don't mean a reduction in the price of beer. All the people you made in your image, starving on their feet, they don't get enough to eat from God.

Sorry to disturb you, but we need a reduction in amount of tears. All the people you made in your image, fighting in the street cause they can't make opinions meet about God.

Did you make mankind after we made you?

Don't know if you noticed, but your name is on some quotes in this Book, our crazy humans wrote it, take a look. The people you made in your image still believing that junk is true. I know it ain't, so do you Dear God.

I won't believe in heaven or hell, saints, sinners, no devil as well, not pearly gates, nor thorny crown. You're always letting us humans down, the wars you bring, babes you drown, those lost at sea and never found, it's the same the whole world 'round. The hurt I see helps to compound that Father, Son and the Holy Ghost is just somebody's unholy hoax. If there's one thing I don't believe in ...

it's you ... Dear God.

This letter is based on lyrics by XTC titled "Dear God."

Michael Ruckdeschell

Reviewer lacks compassion

Dear Editor,

I would like to address a few comments to April Burge concerning her Variety Show review in last week's Northwest Missourian.

Ms. Burge, I was once a reporter and reviewer for the Northwest Missourian. I later became a newspaper editor and I now write and design publications for Northwest in the Office of Publications. I am not sure you understand the enormous responsibility that goes along with the rights of free speech and freedom of expression. Your caustic outlook toward your fellow students shows a frightening lack of compassion.

And to the students who worked so hard on what was one of the best all-around Variety Shows I've seen in the past 10 years, you have my congratulations on a terrific performance.

Carole Gieseke

Ray Courter Editor's Note: The Missourian again would

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Letters to the Editor

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Letters must be signed and include the author's name, address and day and night phone numbers for verification purposes.

Send letters to Wells Hall #8 or by E-mail at 0500214.



## CommunityTurn

### Kids should come with an owner's manual

We are a nation that loves education. We love education so much so that our children's education is expected to begin almost as soon as they leave the womb.

Not only should the hospital send new parents home with "An Owner's Manual to Your Baby Boy/Girl," but they should send them home with a thin volume bound in construction paper titled, "What Every Child Needs to Know To Go To Kindergarten," or as it should probably be better known as around the hospital, "The KinderEd Booklet."

Here are some things that children will need to know before going to kindergarten so their teachers will not have to work so hard.

1. How to write their name. You might want to start teaching your child how to spell their name as soon as they can speak.

The actual writing of all given names, nicknames and Christian names should begin as soon as your child's fine muscle development will allow it. Let's say about age 2

2. Address. This is very important just in case your child meets a hot 3-year-old boy or girl in preschool and they decide to be boyfriend/girlfriend.



ART HARBISON

*Education should begin in Kindergarten to keep children learning at the same pace*

3. Telephone number. See reason two.

4. Counting to 10 and reciting and writing ABCs. Not only are these important things to know, but they impress the heck out of girls in preschool.

5. Using concepts such as widest and narrowest in a sentence. These are always good ice-

breakers in preschool.

6. How to recognize shapes and draw them to scale. Just in case Jr. wants to help dad's architect draw up the plans for their new house.

7. How to dial 911 and state emergency. "I need an ambulance! My teacher just swallowed the cap of her ink pen after reading my novel."

In an age where phonics and memorization is considered old fashion and cruel, we expect more out of our children than being children.

It is no wonder that by the time the child reaches his/her freshman year of high school, they are ready to party.

It is not wrong to have high expectations for our children, but it is wrong for schools to believe that children need a certain body of knowledge before they start kindergarten.

By waiting until the children start school to teach them these things, it would mean they would all gain the same knowledge at roughly the same time.

Hey! It worked for my generation.

Art Harbison is a Maryville resident.

## CampusTurn

### Memories mark successful Homecoming

Another Northwest Homecoming has come and gone and it's time to sit back and reflect on the good (the Variety Show), the bad (Northwest Missourian Variety Show "review") and the beautiful (each and every house dec and float).

This was my ninth year as the University's overall Homecoming chair, and reflecting back on those years, I can name some better skits, floats and house decs.

And if you go back to my first Homecoming here at Northwest (1977 when I was a freshman), I can even name a more exciting football game.

But I don't think I can recall a Homecoming that I will remember with fonder memories than 1995.

Everything clicked and in recognition of all the hard work the fraternities, sororities and independent groups put into Homecoming, here's my own special Top 10 memories of Homecoming 1995.

10. It didn't rain on the parade.

9. A new tradition was born as the Bearcats "rocked the arena" Friday night to a widely enthusiastic crowd, although I don't know if they were excited about basketball or the Collin Raye tickets and the \$50 cash prize.



DAVE GIESEKE

*Fraternities, sororities and independent groups work hard to make the 1995 event a memorable one*

8. I learned new Northwest "facts" from the Variety Show, including University President Dean Hubbard's "pop-up" book on Total Quality Management and that the wood chip pile came about from Bobby Bearcat's whittling hobby.

7. Trying to find Waldo in the Delta Sigma Phi/Sigma Sigma Sigma "Baseball" house dec.

6. Variety Show phrases I'll always remember

("pilot pal," "everywhere you look, you see a squirrel's nest," and "you can live in an old van down by Colden Pond").

5. The Bearcats win! The Bearcats win! as a last-ditch Missouri Southern pass falls two yards short of the goal line.

4. Keeping the royalty results a secret from everyone, including my wife and one of my student office workers — Homecoming Queen Jill Newland.

3. The sheer joy of winning by Alpha Sigma Alpha and Sigma Kappa and the utter dismay of losing by Phi Sigma Kappa in the float competition. With such high quality entries, it's truly a shame that either had to lose.

2. The best Variety Show I have seen in 15 years and the worst review in the Northwest Missourian over that same time frame.

1. The hard work put into Homecoming by everyone involved, especially the Homecoming sub-committee co-chairs and overall student chairs Becky Butler and Shannon Foster. Thanks guys, I couldn't ask for better co-chairs. I'll miss you.

David Gieseke is the director of news and information at Northwest and was the overall chair of Homecoming.

## It's Your Turn

What do you think about the new cable company's plans to remove MTV?



Lisa Hartman  
Secondary Education

"I don't like it at all. The way I look at it is there is already one country station on and a lot of college kids really like MTV."



Lana Rickabaugh  
Business owner

"I am not very happy about it. At times MTV doesn't have some of the best programs. They still have some pretty good shows on there."



Scott Ramsey  
Accounting/  
Economics

"I don't like it. Because other than MTV, we don't have any type of music other than country."



Al Turner  
Business owner

"I think it is a bad deal. I think kids enjoy it and it's probably one of the most watched premium channels. I don't know how they can do it."



Leslie Ackman  
Business owner

"It doesn't affect me, I am not an MTV viewer. It doesn't impact me and I don't think it will bother the Maryville people. I think the people that would get upset would be the college."



Aaron Shipley  
Philosophy

"I don't necessarily agree with it because I am originally from Maryville, and some of my friends in high school had parents who had it blocked off. I don't agree with it because of censorship."

The Northwest Missourian would like to thank the following individuals for serving on our community editorial board and helping make our transition to community-wide coverage as smooth as possible.

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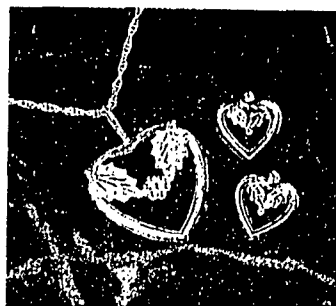
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## Calendar

## Thursday, Oct. 26

Student panel discussion  
7 p.m. - Battle of the Beef

## Friday, Oct. 27

Volleyball at Drury tourney  
7:30 p.m. - Lab Series in  
the Charles Johnson  
Theater.

## Saturday, Oct. 28

Football at Emporia State  
University  
7:30 and 8 a.m. - ACT test  
on the third floor of  
Garrett-Strong.

## Sunday, Oct. 29

11 a.m. - All-campus  
worship in the University  
Club North.  
5 p.m. - Sunday supper  
and volleyball at the  
Wesley Center.

## Monday, Oct. 30

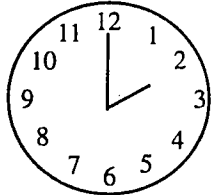
7:30 p.m. - Café Karma  
Underground in the  
Spanish Den

## Tuesday, Oct. 31

Halloween  
7 p.m. - Residence halls  
trick or treating  
9 p.m. - Residence Hall  
Association costume ball  
in the Union Ballroom.

## Wednesday, Nov. 1

7 p.m. - Volleyball at  
Washburn University.



**Daylight savings time  
begins at 2 a.m. Sunday  
morning. Don't forget to  
turn your clocks back an  
hour.** (an extra hour to recover from Saturday night)

## Faculty make the move to Perrin

While Colden Hall  
receives facelift,  
offices reorganize

SUSAN LORIMOR  
CHIEF REPORTER

The shuffle has begun and now faculty members must spend their days organizing and acquainting themselves with their new offices in Perrin Hall.

Government professor Richard Fulton was among the faculty members to make the move on Monday.

"It went all right," Fulton said. "Now I am spending the day straightening up."

Fulton called the move a necessary evil.

"The key problem I foresee is student access," he said, adding that the new offices "are not necessarily in the way."

Tim Gilmour, vice president for Academic Affairs, said one concern was that the offices would not be air conditioned in the summer.

In addition to renovated offices, Colden Hall classrooms will also receive a facelift. One change will involve distance learning classrooms.

"We will be creating classrooms

more aligned to the objectives of the Electronic Campus," Gilmour said.

Before faculty members moved into Perrin, some changes were made, including painting and shade replacements.

"We found we needed to paint panels where the beds were," Gilmour said. "Over the month, some rooms will also be painted because students have painted them brilliant colors."

Assisting faculty in the move is a moving crew of students, supervised by the environmental services staff.

For now, faculty will claim the space of the upper three floors of Perrin Hall, while students will stay on the first floor until December.

Neither faculty nor students seem to mind the arrangement. Apparently, both camps are at an equilibrium.

"It probably bothers them more than it bothers us," Brendon Pritchard, undecided major, said.

Pritchard's concern is moving out of Perrin and breaking out of the small group of friends.

"I know everyone in the hall," Pritchard said. "I will miss some of them."

Gilmour said faculty members are scheduled to move back into Colden in July 1997.

## The Big Move

FROM: Colden Hall and part  
of the Administration Building  
TO: Perrin Hall

English: Will encompass entire  
floor; rooms 301-328

Dean, College of  
Professional-Applied  
Studies: rooms  
201A-03

Psychology, sociology,  
counseling: rooms  
204-13, 220-27

Government:  
rooms 214-19

Perrin Hall's temporary residents

Offices for government and accounting, economics and finance departments have already been moved or are in the process of moving according to the moving schedule. Others moves are scheduled as follows:

College of Professional/Applied Studies	Oct. 30
Psychology, sociology, counseling	Oct. 31-Nov. 8
Department of English	Nov. 8-16

Marketing,  
management: rooms  
411-412, 420

Accounting,  
economics, finance:  
rooms 401A-10,  
422-27

4th floor

3rd floor

2nd floor

1st floor

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## HOMECOMING

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in the third quarter to take a 28-20 lead into the fourth quarter where the 'Cats had to hang on for the victory late in the game. The Lions came up three yards short of tying the game on the final play of the game.

Mel Tjeerdsma, head football coach, said winning the game meant much more than just winning the Homecoming game.

"It meant a lot of things in our situation because it gave us our fourth win in the conference and it was also Homecoming," he said.

Northwest outscored the Lions 41-33 to earn its first Homecoming win since 1989.

Tjeerdsma said the team had extra incentive to win the game.

"It's been a stigma with the football team that we never win on Homecoming," he said. "Our players kind of took exception to that and it gave us some motivation."

Clint Johnson, a double major in

mass communications and corporate wellness, said he was overjoyed that Northwest won the game.

"I was really happy because my high school lost all four Homecoming games and then after I got here we had not won one," he said. "I'm happy for all my friends on the team and it took a lot of pressure of Coach Tjeerdsma."

Northwest student Dusty Laun said the Homecoming victory was an important aspect of the weekend.

"It meant a lot to the football team," he said. "They were really pumped up and showed a lot of character by scoring three straight touchdowns in the third quarter."

English major Rachel Sleeve experienced all aspects of the parade.

"I am in band and when we got done, I went and watched the parade," Sleeve said. "Everything that went by was more exciting this year. Last year I was ready to go."

Gieseke said the weather this



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Head coach Mel Tjeerdsma takes center stage at the Homecoming game.

weekend was also quite nice which helped make it even better.

"We couldn't have asked for anything nicer than we got," he said. "We can't ask for any better weather this late in October."

## PUMPKIN CENTER

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and repeat customers, the business grows every year.

"The key to this whole operation is spare time," Collins said. "My pumpkins go around the full cycle that a pumpkin can go through. I save the seeds, plant the seeds, grow the pumpkins, harvest them and eat them."

Collins said his pumpkins not only make excellent jack o' lanterns and house decorations, but they also make decent pumpkin pies and other desserts.

"The best size pumpkin for a pie would be anywhere from four to five pounds, which gives you about two cups worth of pumpkin for one pie," he said.

Collins said if you don't carve jack o' lanterns out of your pumpkins that you use for Halloween decorations, you can save them for your Thanksgiving and Christmas pies, killing two birds with one stone.

"A good pumpkin will keep well into the winter," he said.

The Collins not only sell pumpkins at their stand, but decorative squash and goads as well.

"Some of the pumpkins cross-pollinate with the goads and that is how we get those warty pumpkins," Collins said.

One of Collins' most fond memories is when a pumpkin patch was flooded by the 102 River.

There were so many pumpkins in the river that they caused a pumpkin jam.

The corner store and pumpkin stand are open Monday through Saturday and some Sundays through November.

The two weeks before Halloween are the busiest time of year as customers prepare for the event.

"Some of our best customers say that it isn't a pumpkin if it's not from Pumpkin Center," Collins said.

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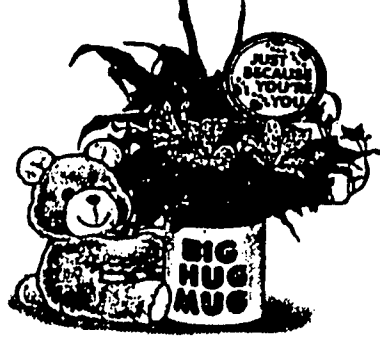
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